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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Processing Method  
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated April 5, 2006 of the Primary Examiner, finally rejecting claims 5 - 7 and 9. The items below are appropriate:

A timely response to the final rejection was filed on July 3, 2006.

The fee of \$500.00 for this Notice is enclosed.

A Petition for Extension of Time for filing this Notice is attached hereto, together with the appropriate fee.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

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